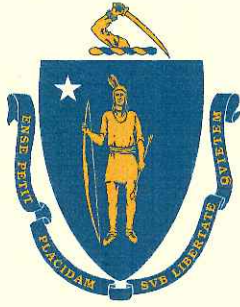


The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, Since the founding of the Republic, the genius of the American economy has been its potential to inspire men and women, regardless of their station or title, with the ambition made possible by free enterprise; and

Whereas, There is no doubt that Americans in small business, numbering in the millions, are making possible advances, cures, inventions and services that will move the United States forward, resulting in happier, healthier, wealthier and greater citizens; and

Whereas, All of those small businesses in their varying capacities combine to produce half of the nation's wealth and more than half of the jobs by which tens of millions of Americans support themselves, shelter themselves, raise their families and secure their own futures; and

Whereas, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is home to hundreds of thousands of those small businesses, and for that its people are richer, more fortunate and better able to care for each other; and

Whereas, Nowhere is the value of small business higher than in the cities and towns where every civic organization, every charity, every religious organization and every recreational activity for children is proudly and unreservedly sponsored by the men and women in local business; and

Whereas, At no time has it been more important for the people of the Commonwealth to recognize the vital contributions of small businesses to their communities and show their reciprocal support by shopping locally,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim the weekend of November 24th to the 25th, 2018, to be,

SMALL BUSINESS WEEKEND

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this First Day of November, in the year two thousand and eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-second.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in blue ink.

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of Karyn E. Polito in blue ink.

KARYN E. POLITO
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of William Francis Galvin in blue ink.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts